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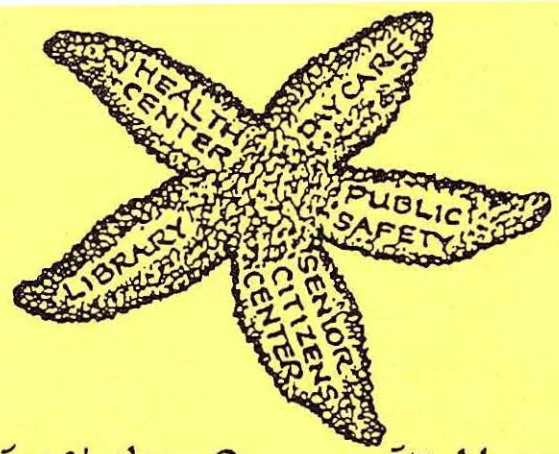
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

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PEALS ISLAND LIONS CLUB

Pancake Breakfast

The next Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Lions Club on Labor Day Weekend. Sunday, September 4th, 8am-11am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee, milk, orange juice will be served for \$6 – Adult and \$3 Children.

Lions Club Scholarships

Peaks Island residents and children of Peaks Island Lions members who are currently attending or expect to matriculate in a technical school or college for the fall semester should submit a written scholarship request to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Peaks Island Lions Club, P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108 to be eligible for a Lions Scholarship for the 2011-12 school year.

Your letter must be received by September 15th and should state your expected field of study and the school that you will be attending. Your intent to volunteer for Peaks Island Lions fundraising events (bakes, pancake breakfasts, rentals), community activities (Halloween Party, Variety Show, Holiday Party, Lions Road Race) and for grounds maintenance and repair should also be included in your request.

Lions Club Organization Grants

Organizations that would like to be considered for a Lions Club Grant should contact Lions Club President, Clark Smith, by telephone, mail or e-mail by October 20th. The grants will be awarded at the October 25th Lions Club meeting. Telephone: 766-5537; Address: P.O. Box 102, Peaks Island, ME 04108; e-mail: csmith2557@aol.com

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary to American Legion Post 142 on Peaks Island will have two fund-raising events during Labor Day weekend. On Saturday, September 3, downtown, from 11-2, we will be selling fresh blueberry shortcake for \$3.50. And, on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4, our hardhat wearer will be selling raffle tickets for \$1.00. The winner of the hat raffle will have a hardhat to celebrate the holiday and will have \$20.00 and scratch tickets that are attached to the hat! Look for the blueberry shortcake and the hardhat and help us raise money for our post-secondary school scholarship fund.

PEAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

International Coastal Cleanup Day is September 17. We will begin a weeklong cleanup of the Peaks Island shoreline on that day, work all week to collect every bit of plastic, metal & other trash and tally everything on the following Saturday, September 24. Pick a day to clean your favorite bit of seashore and bring everything to our drop-off spot outside the library. If you find items too heavy to carry that far, haul them up beside the road so we can see them easily on our daily truck runs.

We continue to be concerned about cigarette butts washing into the Bay, so pick those up wherever you see them – not just the beaches and rocks. There'll be a special container so we can include them in the big count on Saturday the 24th.

To learn more about The Ocean Conservancy and their worldwide effort to reduce trash in the ocean go to <http://www.oceanconservancy.org>

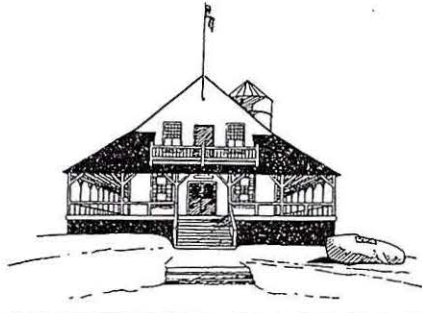
Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance (PITEA)

What a beautiful summer we have had! The weather was spectacular for most of the summer and the island was a bit more crowded this year. For most of the summer the ferry was crowded bringing more visitors to the island. It seemed as if there were more golf carts on the Island and so many more folks were walking, running, and biking on the backshore. Our transition to fall might be a little more difficult this year as we leave our summer schedules behind. From October through May we do communicate through email, the STAR or the Island Times. PITEA will continue our fundraising so that we may continue tax and/or energy assistance. Our scooter raffle was a big success. The winner was Paul Baillargeon from Casco. As a little added fun we gave away four vouchers to purchase lobster rolls from Leslie's Lobster Cart. We thank Bob Hannigan, Ron Sinicki, and Leslie Davis for their assistance. Those who bought tickets became members of our support system. Just a little more than a week later the Peaks Island Fund awarded PITEA a grant of \$300 for administrative costs. A huge thank you to PIF!

Applications for tax assistance and energy assistance may be found on the Library Bulletin Board. So that we may pay all property taxes on time, the applications for tax assistance must be filed with a member of the clergy by September 6, 2011. If your application is approved, the amount agreed upon between you and the clergy will be paid to the City of Portland or to your escrow account. Please contact one of our clergy: Pastor Beau Boyle, Pastor Desi Larson, or retired minister Ruth Williamson, (our clergy panel members) if you need assistance or know someone who does. As the season changes and the cooler weather arrives our Loaf and Ladle Dinners will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. On September 20 please join us for our Soup and Salad Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Peaks Island Baptist Church Hall. We charge \$6 for adults and \$2.50 for children. All proceeds will be deposited in either the tax assistance or energy assistance account. Donations may be made to:

Peaks Island Tax and Energy Assistance
P O Box 126
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

You are cordially invited to join our committee. Please call Cynthia Pedlikin at 766-0067 for more information.



FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM

P.O. Box 41

Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-3330 • fifthmaine@juno.com

As a busier than usual season starts to wind down, the Fifth Maine volunteers find time to relax a bit before gearing up for the season finale in October – the always delicious Harvest Supper on Columbus Day week-end. September also marks the final concert in the Songwriters by the Sea series on Thursday September 15. Organizer Phil Daligan promises a great evening of acoustic folk tunes with surprise guest performers. The show starts at 7:30 pm. \$10 per person.

Our School Days School Days exhibit will remain in place through the fall. With the island quieting down, it's a good time to bring the kids by to learn a bit about their school's past. After Labor Day the museum will be open Saturday and Sundays from 11 am – 5 pm. Other times by appointment.

Home Start

Home Start has achieved a major milestone in its planned development of the two, new, energy-efficient, 3-bedroom, 2-bath rental homes to be built on Luther Street. Home Start has entered into an agreement with Volunteers of America to own and manage them. Volunteers of America is the same organization that developed, owns, and manages the Faye Garman House, the 12-unit senior housing apartment building on Central Avenue.

Because of Past President Jane Banquer's superb grant-writing on behalf of Home Start since its inception, and the belief of two generous philanthropic organizations in our mission, Home Start is the proud recipient of two new grants. On August 11, Home Start's President, Ellen Mahoney, accepted a \$5,000 grant from The Peaks Island Fund on behalf of Home Start. This grant will pay for a new furnace for the 18 Luther St. home and several replacement windows, making the home more energy efficient and comfortable. The Peaks Island Fund Advisors have once again demonstrated their substantial support for affordable housing on Peaks Island.

The second grant is from People's United Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the People's United Bank, which has notified Home Start of a \$10,000 grant. Thanks go to this foundation for its generous award and to Jane's persistent and excellent grant writing. The formal announcement is expected within the next few weeks.

18 Luther St is still available for rent, rent to own or purchase to qualified applicants. Energy upgrades will take place between September 15 and October 1st. The house will be available around the 1st of October. Interested applicants should visit the Home Start Web site, www.peaksislandhomestart.org, or the library on Peaks Island for applications.

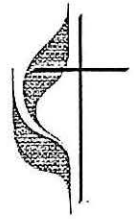
Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation

9 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine

Pastor: Rev. Desi Larson; 207-766-5013; www.brackettmumc.org



Sunday Worship 10 a.m., with childcare and followed by informal fellowship gathering in the church hall.

Scripture Study Tuesdays, 8:30-10 a.m., parsonage. All are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Ministry Thursdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m., parsonage. All are welcome! Contact Emily Sherwood, 766-5545.

Afterschool Tweens Mondays and Thursdays, 3:30-6 p.m.

Taize Service Wednesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

Tween Night Two Fridays, September 16 and 30, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Prayer and Vigil, Remembering 9/11/2001 Sponsored by Brackett Memorial Church, St. Christopher's Church, and Peaks Island Baptist Church. Time and place to be announced.

Children's Choir To be announced.

Church Supper Thursday, September 29, 5-6:30 p.m. Free and Open to Everyone!

St. Christopher's Catholic Church

Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746

Parochial Vicar: Father Michael Seavey

Weekend Mass concludes Labor Day Weekend with the last 4 PM Saturday Mass. Sunday Masses will be 10:00 AM as usual for the winter schedule. All are invited - details are on-line at www.cluster21portland.org.

Information: Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call Father Lou.

AA: Meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

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Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT reminds all Islanders to be sure you use house numbers so emergency responders can find your home.

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SENIOR NEWS

During the months of June, July and August we were fortunate to enjoy our luncheons at the Fifth Maine. The views were spectacular as always.

The pot luck luncheon was delicious with many choices. Everyone had a good time and had a chance to socialize and keep up with many topics including other activities on Peaks.

Our new president, Wally Fischer, took over the gavel for the first time. She thanked everyone for giving her the opportunity for this new task, adding that it is a tough order to follow in the footsteps of our outgoing president Ruth Williamson. Ruth is a kind and compassionate lady who speaks from her heart.

The next senior luncheon will be held at the senior center on Monday, September 12, at 12 noon. At this luncheon we also will honor Judith McAllister, who will leave us at the end of this month. We will miss this "Purple Lady," her contagious laugh, that good sense of humor and that good nature of hers. Feel free to join us in this good-bye celebration.

All seniors and those who don't consider themselves seniors are always welcomed.

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER

87 Central Avenue P.O. Box 52 Peaks Island, Maine 04108
766-2929, Fax: 766-5073

Office Hours

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10am to 4pm.

Kitty Gilbert, FNP, sees infants to adults

Mary Grimaldi, Clinical Assistant/Administrator, is on duty at the desk.

Dr. Muca, podiatrist, is scheduled to work on Monday, September 26, at the Health Center. He still has some appointments available.

Our **lab tech** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 8:30 to 10:00.

ONLINE PATIENT SERVICES: InterMed has recently developed a web-based Patient Portal for their patients. This portal is called "MyInterMed" and can be used to:

- Request non-urgent appointments
- Review lab and imaging test results
- Request medication refills
- Update personal information (address, health insurance, emergency contacts or newly-diagnosed medical conditions)

This service is offered to adult patients (18 years of age and older) to manage their own health care records.

If you are an InterMed patient and would like to participate in this service, please come by the Health Center to fill out a form.

Please call the office at **766-2929** to schedule appointments. If you call during business hours and no one answers the phone, it means we are either on the other line, or we are assisting other patients. Your call is important to us. Please leave a message. We will return your call as quickly as possible.

The Peaks Island Food Pantry

Calling all islanders! Please help us stock the food pantry for the winter by dropping off un-opened, non-perishable food and toiletry items at our **First Annual Labor Day Food Drive**. We'll be manning a table at the top of Welch Street on **Saturday, September 3**, from **8am-1pm**. For summer residents who are cleaning out kitchen shelves, please consider donating surplus items to the Peaks Island Food Pantry.

All donations are welcome but items that we particularly need are: spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and single serve fruit cups, baked beans, canned peas, tuna fish, canned meats, Healthy Choice canned soups, single serve microwavable meals, and paper goods. Cash donations are also very much appreciated, as it allows us to provide Hannigan's vouchers so that clients can get fresh produce, meat, dairy and frozen food items.

Of course, donations of non-perishable goods or cash are welcome anytime – please call **Susan Hanley, 766-2735**, for more information or to arrange donation pick up. We also have a collection box located in the Douglas MacVane Community Center.

Thank you for your ongoing support!!



PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854 www.picw.org

PICW will be closed for its annual shut-down week from August 27th and will reopen on September 7th. PICW staff will be participating in an in-service training on September 6th.

PEAKS ISLAND FOOD PANTRY: Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 – 5:00. Delivery options available.

The pantry is stocked with special items donated by your island neighbors and friends. The shelves are a little low, so please think of making some food donations, especially this time of year when some summer islanders are packing up their homes after this glorious summer.

FALL ENROLLMENT OPTIONS:

PRESCHOOL: PICW is accepting applications for children 2.5 – 5 years of age.

SCHOOL-AGE CARE: PICW is accepting children to enroll in afterschool care on a regular basis for a fixed tuition cost.

AFTERSCHOOL EXPLORERS CLUB: PICW offers drop-in care for school-age children as part of our Club. For an annual fee of \$25, children may attend the workshop on a drop-in, occasional basis at the cost of \$10/hour on a space-available basis. If at all possible, we kindly request that parents give us at least a day's notice.

CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS: There are child care scholarships available for eligible families through the generosity of the Peaks Island Council and the City of Portland to help parents pay for child care. For more information about this program, please contact the Workshop at 766-2854.

TRANSITION TO A SMALL CHILD CARE FACILITY: The Board continues to move forward with the change from a child care center to a small child care facility, anticipated in January 2012. Through the generosity of the Peaks Island Fund, PICW received a grant to update their facility to accommodate infants and toddlers, to purchase needed materials and equipment, and to support staff through the transition process. The United Way of Greater Portland has also granted us the expertise of Grace Noonan-Kaye to assist us with the change. Thank you to the island community for your continued interest and support.

September at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building

766-5540

email peaks@portland.lib.me.us

Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

It's Back to School Time, a time to make sure that everyone in your family, 5 or over, has a library card. Reading and learning go hand in hand. A library card is indispensable for your children's learning. When you are planning fall activities, consider a family time at the library. Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings are favorites with some families, who come and hang out for a bit, taking home the week's supply of books. It's fun, it's free, and it's a beneficial family activity.

PreSchool Story Time and Nursery Rhyme Time will begin again on the first full week in September. Nursery Rhyme Time will begin on Wednesday, September 7, at 11 am; Story Time will begin on Friday, September 9, at 10:15.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion: For the September meeting, please come with a book you like or want to read, to suggest for the rest of the year. Meeting date is September 6, 7 pm, in the Community Room. On October 4, the book will be *Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen. To reserve a library copy, come in, call or email us.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Sunday, September 25, by 6 pm. Bring articles copy ready to the library. You may put them in the Book Return or under the door when the library is closed. If you have items for the calendar, please put them on a separate sheet of paper with name and email or phone number so we may contact you with any questions.

THANK YOU to an Anonymous Donor for a generous gift to the STAR. That kind of support makes it possible to continue to provide the STAR free to all islanders. **THANK YOU** also to the volunteers who paste up, photocopy and distribute the STAR each month.

Subscriptions to the Peaks Island STAR

If you would like to receive the STAR in the mail, September through June, come into the library or mail \$8 with your name and mailing address to: Peaks Island STAR, c/o Peaks Island Branch Library, 129 Island Avenue, Peaks Island ME 04108. Checks should be made to the Peaks Island STAR. The STAR is not mailed in July and August.

Friends of the Peaks Island Library Miss You!

The Friends of the Peaks Island Library gained 43 new memberships at the book sale in July. However, many regular members of the Friends of the Peaks Island Library have not yet renewed their membership for the current year, which began July 1. The membership contributions of \$2 for an individual and \$5 for a family support an array of special events and services at our Peaks Island branch, including baby bags with board books for new babies on Peaks Island, birthday books for every student in the Peaks Island School, books for 5th grade graduates from the Peaks Island School, paper for the free monthly STAR newsletter, Saturday night movies, book readings and signings by island authors, and more. The next time you stop by the library, please consider renewing your membership. The librarians are happy to help.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by the Portland Recreation and Facilities Management Department

To reserve space and/or equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise (766-2970 or d1m@portlandmaine.gov) at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works part-time on the island - Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. You may check the facility schedule on-line (<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/rec/peaksislandcc.asp>) but you still need to contact Denise to reserve space.

ATTENTION ADULT BASKETBALL PLAYERS:

Evening basketball starts on Tuesday, September 20 at school gym, 6:00 – 7:50 pm. Fee for residents is \$2 per evening (\$3 non-resident)

ON=GOING EXERCISE PROGRAMS – COMMUNITY ROOM:

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS: Walking Group – meet at 8:30 am AND Low Impact Aerobics w/ Weights – 9:30 – 10:30 am

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS: Ping Pong for Adults - 2:00 – 4:00 pm

MOVIE: *SOUND OF MUSIC* (174 minutes)

Thursday, September 1 1:00 pm (com. rm.)

This is a long movie, but so much fun if you sing along!

THURSDAYS at the GARDEN – BYO PICNIC

September 1, 8 and 15 (approx. 11:15am -12:15 pm)

Extend the summer by enjoying the beauty of the community garden in September (last official BYO picnic is September 15)
Everyone welcome – meet at Trott-Littlejohn Park.

SPECIAL OFF-ISLAND TRIP TO THE MOVIES

Friday, September 9 11:15 am boat/4:30 pm return

If there is enough interest, and if “The Help” is still playing, we may make a trip to town for an afternoon movie.

Please sign up if interested; updates will be on bulletin boards

BINGO FUN FOR ALL AGES (com. rm.)

Thursday, September 22 10:45–11:45 am

Have fun, laugh, have a chance of winning a “fall-like” prize

LIGHTHOUSE LOVERS CRUISE

Friday, September 23 (12:45 pm boat/return on 3:15 or 4:30))

Celebrate the first day of Autumn with a beautiful cruise to view the various lighthouses in the bay. The QEII will be visiting that day! Pre-registration required; deadline to register is 9/19

LAUGHTER YOGA – OPEN TO ALL (com. rm)

Monday, September 26 Anytime between 11am–12:30pm

Learn to laugh for no reason at all – and receive health benefits in return. Led by a certified laughter yoga leader.

TRAVELOGUE: Marissa’s Adventures Abroad

Monday, September 26 1:15 pm – com. rm.

Guest speaker Marissa MacIsaac will share photos/adventures

“OPEN HOUSE”: PI’s LONGEST SCARF

Friday, September 30 anytime from 11 to 2 (com. rm.)

Help make PI’s longest scarf! Knit a few rows on the community scarf – or bid on one of the scarves already made. Bidding will take place until early December.



Saturday Night Movies September



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

| Sept | 6 PM | Sept | 8 PM |
|------|--|------|---|
| 3 | <i>Rugrats in Paris</i> (2000) G, 78 min | 3 | <i>The Birds</i> (1963) PG-13, 119 min |
| 10 | <i>The Dolphin: Story of a Dreamer</i> (2009) PG, 86 min | 10 | <i>A Night at the Opera</i> (1935) NR, 96 min |
| 17 | <i>Hoodwinked Too: Hood vs. Evil</i> (2011) PG, 86 min | 17 | <i>Tucker: the Man and His Dream</i> (2000) PG, 110 min |
| 24 | <i>North</i> (1994) PG, 87 min | 24 | <i>The King’s Speech</i> (2010) R, 119 min |

Children must be accompanied by an adult.